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Dear Howard,

Don't blush. I mean it. I appreciate your asking me. It is not "taking advantage of your good will." There is no one who knows you as we have who should not say as much.

I did get up early to write it because there were too many predictable intrusions yesterday when your letter came.

However, there is not enough time to read and correct it before I take Lil to work. So, I send you the uncorrected carbon I made so you can go over it and make any suggestions that occur to you. Thereis not much time. I'll ask Lil to retype it over the weekend and I'll mail it to you. If you have any suggestions that require changes, we'll just do it over.

But if you are satisfied you'll have it faster this way.

Doing it over is no great sweat.

You have a certain element of risk from your anti-C work. I felt it was better to take this head on. It is one of the factors you should consider closely if you have not already. You may also want to consider sending any evaluation of the book from the publisher rather than from someone like Sylvia.

Hope you get it!

I'll explore with Jim the possibility of Bud, who comes from Nashville, doing any good.

Best,